

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5, amend claim 4 and add new claim 6 as follows:

1. (Previously Cancelled)
2. (Previously Cancelled)
3. (Previously Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 5 6 wherein a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other than the base and head end connecting portions is coated with nickel by nickel plating.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (New) A connecting device for a sound generator comprising:
 - a pair of connecting spring plates (2),
 - each of the connecting spring plates comprising a base end connecting portion (2A) which is bent into an L-shaped form comprising a lower horizontal portion and an upwardly inclined portion and secured to a terminal of the sound generator (1) at an underside of the lower horizontal portion, an intermediate portion (2C) extending from the upper end of the connecting portion (2A), a branch portion (2D) outwardly extending from the end of the intermediate portion in a plane same as the plane of the intermediate portion so as to form an L-shape together with the intermediate portion, an overlap portion (2E), and a head end connecting portion (2B) extending from said overlap portion,
 - the overlap portion (2E) being formed by turning an end portion of the branch portion in U-shape,
 - the head end connecting portion (2B) being turned into a U-shape for connection to a terminal of an outer circuit by pressing the head end connecting portion against the terminal;

a surface of the base end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating;

a surface of the head end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating, and

said coating with gold by gold plating being limited to the base and the head end connecting portions.